

District: 1810 _____

Applicant Name: Ingemartina

Parent's Letter

Dear Host Rotary Club! Dear Host family!

Dear host Rotary Club, dear host family,

We are the parents of Inga ~~Rottmann~~, whom you kindly agreed to host and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. The Rottmann family consist of Izabela and Helge and our two kids Inga and Eryk. Izabela was born and grew up in Poland; Helge is German. We both obtained our PhD in radio astronomy and we both work as scientist at the Max-Planck-Institute for Radio Astronomy in Bonn.

Our children are very special and it has been a lot of fun seeing them grow up. Quite unusually Inga and Eryk have been best friends when they were little and still today they both respect and support each other. For us it has always been very important that our children know the difference between right and wrong, have the heart on the right place and grow up to be good persons. We are convinced that they both have. Inga has developed a strong sense of justice, is caring for others and will always stand up for people who are less fortunate.

Raising Inga we truly have never faced any problem with discipline. She is a down-to-earth person and very much driven by common sense. Explaining our reasons and discussing the issues, normally let us resolve problems without causing unnecessary frustration. Often this involves agreeing on compromises but on important matters we will convey our firm principles. We believe that children are allowed to make mistakes, this is how they learn. Facing challenges and finding ways to resolve them is an important step in growing up. We put full trust in our children and at no time ever have they disappointed us.

As both of us are working full time our kids are used to be somewhat independent, especially in arranging their school and home responsibilities. Even though we like them to focus on their school matters we also expect them to take on some of the household duties.

We are very proud of Inga – a person with a good portion of humour and in the same time a lot of respect for others, trust and goodness. We encourage Inga to gain experience by taking part in an exchange programme, as this is a perfect way to get to know the world and see it from a different perspective. We have both experienced this ourselves. In our everyday work life, we meet people from many different countries and cultures. These experiences show us how small the world is, how much it can give and how much we can offer. Inga has an open character and is well prepared for new challenges, now is the right time that she should experience them.

Dear Rotary club and dear host family: we do entrust you the best of us – our daughter Inga. Please treat her as a part of your family with a good portion of love and expectation, keep the rules and borders clear but give her also some freedom. You will find a curios young woman, always happy to help and to learn. We are confident that she will earn your trust and win your heart.

Sincerely, Inga's Mom and Dad.